

March 19, 2013

To: The Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Re: HB6656

My name is Bob Margolis and I live in Avon, CT. I'm writing to express my strong **opposition to HB6656**. This bill clearly stands in the way of the citizens of Connecticut's rights for self-defense. It's not right that our ability to self-defend should be in any way contingent to the people's ability to purchase and maintain insurance. This bill is very obviously an attempt to make it more difficult for law-abiding citizens to own firearms.

Some of the questions regarding this ill-conceived bill are:

- How would Connecticut guarantee protection for every citizen that claims they cannot afford the insurance requirement?
- Would there be a State subsidy for people below a certain income level?
- How will the State protect our Constitutional Right to own firearm for personal defense should the insurance companies decide not to issue a policy to gun owners?
- What would be the process for "collection" of the uninsured guns, and how would that process be managed?

I'm an NRA Instructor and a member of the Board of Governor's for a gun club. I teach safe firearms handling and none of my students have used their firearms irresponsibly. This proposed bill has no place in our free society.

Bob Margolis